

Senate Resolution 435

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Johnson of the 1st and Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Mills Bee Lane III on his induction into the Georgia
2 Sports Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Mills Bee Lane III has become one of the most prominent boxing referees
4 in the world and his incredible career has earned him a place of honor in the Georgia Sports
5 Hall of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, a native of Savannah, Georgia, Mr. Lane began his boxing career while he
7 served as a guardian of this nation's freedom with the United States Marine Corps in 1956
8 where he became the All-Far East welterweight champion; and

9 WHEREAS, after completing his military service, Mr. Lane enrolled at the University of
10 Nevada at Reno where he earned an amateur record of 45-4 and captured the 1960 NCAA
11 Welterweight Championship; and

12 WHEREAS, while a student at the University of Nevada, Mr. Lane became a professional
13 boxer and, over the next three years, he won 11 matches and lost only one; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Lane ended his professional boxing career to earn a law degree but returned
15 to the ring in 1971 as a professional referee, and over the next 30 years he officiated 102
16 World Championship boxing matches; and

17 WHEREAS, notable matches that Mr. Lane has refereed include Larry Holmes vs. Ken
18 Norton in 1978, Hector Camacho vs. Ray Mancini in 1989, and Evander Holyfield vs. Mike
19 Tyson's "bite fight" in 1997; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Lane has a legal career as equally spectacular as his boxing career and
21 earned national notoriety with as a no-nonsense judge on his television series the *Judge Mills*
22 *Lane Show*; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to being a 2009 inductee in the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, Mr.
24 Lane was inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame in 1991.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize Mr. Mills Bee Lane III for his stellar career in the boxing and congratulate him on
27 his induction into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Mills Bee Lane III.